

learned that the 8:11 was stalled at a certain point, not ten miles away, by train robbers. A posse in swift automobiles was suggested by Dan.

Then he eased back and wondered if due diligence would obstruct the robbers before they got away. Just as he calculated, the robbers had no easy task in getting into the express car and forcing its safe. Half an hour went by when, from the city, half a dozen automobiles dashed down the crossing road. The robbers were surrounded and secured after a struggle. The booty of those who had gone through the train and held up the passengers was restored to them.

One among them vociferously gloated over his restored money.

"I've got back the price of my happiness!" he cried joyously. "How did it come about?" And when Dan's share in the transaction was known, he added to that 50-cent piece a crisp new \$100 bill.

"You're a mascot!" he exuberated, showing Dan a photograph of the girl who was to be his wife. "See, she actually smiles in the picture to let you know how grateful and thankful she feels toward you!"

And the passengers chipped in and the railroad company later added its contribution, and, being a hero and a pet spoiled the tramp routine for Dan Beasley and he made up his mind to turn respectable, and succeed.

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#### SUIT COATS REACH WELL BELOW THE KNEES

By Betty Brown

The latest suit coats reach quite to the knees, or in some instances below them. The new line appears in coats of pongee, jersey and shantung as well as in strictly tailored garments of gabardine and tricotine.

At the other extreme of style is the hip length box coat. Both ideas originated in Paris and they indicate the

pleasing latitude which is characteristic of so much of the season's smart wearing apparel.



Long Suit Coat

#### TODAY IN ILLINOIS HISTORY

March 22, 1819.—State Bank of Illinois. An act to incorporate the subscribers to the State Bank of Illinois, approved March 22, 1819,